

CITY OF NEW CASTLE PARK BOARD MINUTES

JULY 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Broyles, Dave Nantz, Sandy Scott, and John Henderson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Greg York, Mayor's Assistant Kendra Kennedy, and Park Superintendent-Mike Bergum

Mayor Greg York opened this meeting at 5:30pm.

Mayor York asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the former meeting. Patty made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by John. Motion carried (4-0)

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Patty stated the Food and Beverage Grant is still open and the restrooms are coming along. Mike stated he has been in contact with Bart from Hunger and the sealing will be done in September to seal the concrete and deck. Our staff will do the sealing to help keep costs down and save money. A few minor repairs have been done to the deck also.

The Henry County Community Foundation Grant for Fall 2017 has been completed, thanks to Sandy. In August we will begin applying for the Fall 2018 grant for Baker Park.

Hospital Heights will have the new/used equipment installed at the end of August. The swing set and slide will be removed and the volleyball court and fence will be installed. Mariah stated that the children are using the bench and books provided by Little Blessings. Hospital Heights Park is appreciative of all the new additives in the last few months. They are still needing trash cans.

City Council approved additional funds from Riverboat to help the Park Board purchase more playground equipment to complete Phase I and Phase II of the park plan. Phase I will finish Osborne Park and Phase II will complete Hospital Heights Park. We are looking at price comparisons for additional swings to get the best and cheapest price. Basketball goals are still needed as well.

Patty noted the shelter rental fees need to be addressed before 2019. We need to look at other communities and how they do their reservations and what they charge.

Also, caps are still being sorted for the park benches.

The old tennis courts at Baker Park are being cleaned up. There are still a few more items to clear out but that will be done.

Patty thanked the Board, Mayor, Mike, and all staff for their hard work and dedication to the parks and working together to better the community.

Dave Nantz added the baby swings at Baker Park need looked at. His daughters were there swinging and some of them are in need of repair. Just an FYI.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor York stated the concrete for the bathrooms will be poured soon and the bathrooms will be completed in July and new cameras are being added also.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike gave an update on Trojan Woods and stated there is an Eagle Scout interested in doing a project there. He will give an update at the next meeting.

Mike stated the Pool will close for the season the weekend of August 4th & 5th due to staffing issues. The kids go back to school the next week and we will lose majority of our lifeguards. The Splash pad will remain open until Labor Day. We have had a few days we were closed due to weather. Other than that, the Summer has went well and the pool and concession stand has done really well. Pool parties were rented very early this season and there is no availability currently. The Board discussed possibly adding additional party days to help increase party revenue in the future. Sandy noted the pool staff and management has been great this season and it has went well.

Mike noted that every piece of city park property has been mowed each week and the park employees are trying to keep this up along with tree and stump removal.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

City Councilman Peckinpaugh asked for an update on the awning at the skatepark and Mayor York noted he needed to get in touch with Steven Vitatoe from the Welding Center at the High School to get a date of when it will be completed.

Council lady Brewington asked about the wall entrance to Osborne Park. Mayor York noted that someone ran into with their car and it will be repaired soon. We may tear the other side down and repair together so they are alike and uniform.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:10PM, NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 6, 2018